

**St. Petersburg College
Early Childhood Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 7, 2010**

Members in Attendance: Anne Sullivan, Vikki Yates, Brett Engisch, Bonnie Touchton, Sandy Smith, Bonnie Fletcher, Claudia Decker

Guests: Gary Graham

5:00PM Welcome and Introductions – meeting opened by Anne Sullivan (Linda Lynch, Chairperson, unable to attend this evening)

Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted.

Topic: Old Business

1. Early Childhood Conference

Discussion: Update on conference. Approximately 300 attendees. Very positive feedback on keynote speaker and breakout sessions. Discussed forwarding attendee comments along with the thank you to Dr. White, Provost of campus.

Action: Anne will contact the Early Learning Coalition re: feedback and evaluation forms.

2. CONNECT MODULES: Frank Porter Graham Institute

Discussion: The UNC materials will continue to be used in the Special Needs classes. New modules are being created. Much of the material is appropriate for the follow-up class, EEC 2272, Practices and Strategies which is being developed as an elective course.

Action: Anne will update committee at Spring meeting

3. Infant/Toddler Courses

Discussion: Anne shared that specific coursework will be developed to meet the needs of infant/toddler caregivers possibly as an option in one of the major courses or as electives.

Action: Anne will update committee at Spring meeting

Topic: New Business

1. Continued increase in enrollment in online courses

Discussion: we continue to add additional sections of online courses. Positive feedback from students and from Children's Forum which lists the degree program for their TEACH scholarship students.

Action: continue development of additional online courses

2. New adjunct faculty

Discussion: Anne welcomed Brett as new adjunct and continued to request committee members 'spread the word' re: need for instructors

Action: No action at this time

3. Infant/Toddler Conference

Discussion: Conference date set for January 29, 2011. Members asked to save the date and advertise along with recruiting presenters. This conference will have additional breakout sessions and potential for 400 participants.

Action: Anne will send info as flyer is developed

4. Articulation

Discussion: new legislation mandates articulation but language needs to be clarified re: National CDA and CDAE programs including those online programs on the DCF approved list

Action: Update at Spring meeting.

5. Student representation on committee

Discussion: We would like to have a student in the A.S. program on the Advisory Committee.

Action: Anne will recruit current students in the program and put names forward at the Spring meeting.

Guests and Community News and Sharing:

Gary discussed the Advisory Committee website and upcoming newsletter.

Claudia asked about a Family Service Worker certificate; she will contact Cheryl Kerr and update members via email and at Spring meeting.

Advisory Committee Recommendations:

1. Student representative on committee
2. Continued search for adjunct instructors
3. Explore increased technology use for online courses.

Adjourned at 6:35PM. Spring meeting will be held in May – date and time to be determined. Anne will email committee members in January.